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SUBJ: EXCHANGES: IREX GSE PROGRAM, PROBLEMS OF TRAVEL AND
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1. IN REPLY YOUR TELEX LAST WEEK EMBASSY HAS CONSULTED WITH STAZHERY IN LEININGRAD AND MOSCOW. WE HAVE DEFINED SERIOUS PROBLEMS AS FOLLOWS: ON NINE LENINGRAD STAZHERY WHO ORIGINALLY REQUESTED PLACEMENT MOSCOW, WHOSE WORK ABSOLUTELY REQUIRES SUBSTANTIAL TIME IN CAPITAL AND WHO HAVE NOT YET BEEN GRANTED PERMISSION TRAEI FITZGERALD, OSTROWSKI, PICKERING, ROSENGRANT AND RUBLE HAVE NOT YET RECEIVED DATES FOR KOMANDEROVKI. MCCAIN, MEEHAN-WATERS, MORRISON AND SATIN ARE ALREADY IN MOSCOW AND REASONABLY SATISFIED WITH TIME GIVEN THEM WITH EXCEPTION MEEHAN-WATERS WHO NEEDS EXTRA MONTH AND IS WITHOUT HER FAMILY. EMBASSY HAS SENT LETTER TO MHE ASKING THAT HER PARTICULAR PROBLEMS BE RECTIFIED.

2. ALTHOUGH ARCHIVE PROBLEMS THIS YEAR SEEM SUBSTANTIALLY FEWER IN NUMBER THAN LAST YEAR JAMES IN LENINGRAD IS EXPERIENCING SERIOUS AND DISABLING DIFFICULTIES. JAMES, ACCORDING TO LETTER SENT YOU WITH COPY TO US HAS NOT BEEN ALLOWED INTO ARCHIVE MOST CRUCIAL TO HIS PROJECT. MORRISON, WHO ALSO WROTE YOU NOW SEEMS SATISFIED ALTHOUGH WE WILL QUESTION HIM AGAIN TO SEE IF HIS PROBLEMS SHOULD BE BROUGHT TO ATTENTION
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OF MHE UNDER UMBRELLA OF THREAT YOU PROPOSE MAKING IF

SEVER PROBLEMS NOT SOLVED.

3. ACCORDINGLY EMBASSY WILL SEND LETTER TO SEMYONOV STATING PROBLEMS OUTLINED ABOVE AND ASKING THAT (A) MHE PROVIDE SCHEDULE AND TIME PERIOD OF TRAVEL TO MOSCOW OF FIVE STUDENTS LISTED IN PARA ONE ABOVE (FITZGERALD, OSTROWSKI, PICKERING, ROSENGRANT AND RUBLE) AND (B) THAT JAMES BE ADMITTED TO ARCHIVES FOR WHICH HE HAS BEE ACCEPTED. LETTER WILL POINT OUT THAT IF THESE PROBLEMS NOT SOLVED IREX WILL OFFER STUDENTS OPPORTUNITY TO CONTINUE RESEARCH ELSEWHERE AND THAT NUMBER OF SOVIET GSE IREX WILL RECEIVE WILL DIMINISH ACCORDINGLY. WE WILL ALSO ASK FOR SCHEDULE OF KOMANDEROVKI FOR OTHER LENINGRAD STAZHERY WHOSE MAJOR ARCHIVES NOT LOCATED HERE. ON GENERAL QUESTIONS OF TRAVEL FROM LENINGRAD INOTDEL OF MGU INFORMALLY ASSURED EMBASSY THAT ALL STAZHERY WOULD GET PERMISSION TO TRAVEL TO MOSCOW. MAJOR POINT TO BE SETTLED IS AMOUNT OF TIME THEY WILL BE GIVEN, PARTICULARLY FOR THOSE WHOSE PRINCIPAL MATERIALS ARE HERE.

4. WOULD LIKE TO SUGGEST THAT YOUR DEADLINE OF DECEMBER 1 BE MOVED TO 15TH DECEMBER SINCE MHE WILL BE DISTRACTED SOMEWHAT BY YEAR-END REVIEW TALKS FIRST WEEK DECEMBER. PLEASE ADVISE YOUR REACTION ON THIS POINT IMMEDIATELY SINCE LETTER WILL BE SENT TO MHE FRIDAY.

5. EMBASSY NOW COLLECTING REQUESTS FOR SUPPLEMENTARY ARCHIVES WHICH WE PLAN PRESENT MHE NEXT WEEK-TEN DAYS. HOWEVER WISH TO COORDINATE WITH YOU SO THAT WE NOT DOING SAME THING FROM SEPARATE ENDS. ADVISE. MATLOCK

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